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TOPEKA, KANSAS MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Stephen W. Grimm**, 28, Topeka, Kansas, was indicted on January 28, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Topeka, Kansas.

Melgren stated that Grimm was charged with one count of using a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a video on June 29, 2002; one count of possessing child pornography obtained by computer on September 25, 2002; and one count of forfeiture of the computer, VCR player, and video recorder used to commit these offenses, all in Shawnee County, Kansas.

Melgren said that Grimm is currently in state custody in Shawnee County. Grimm will remain in custody on a federal warrant until he makes his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Topeka, Kansas, on March 2, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge K. Gary Sebelius.

If convicted, Grimm faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for producing child pornography and a maximum of five years for possessing child pornography.

The case was investigated by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Customs Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.